

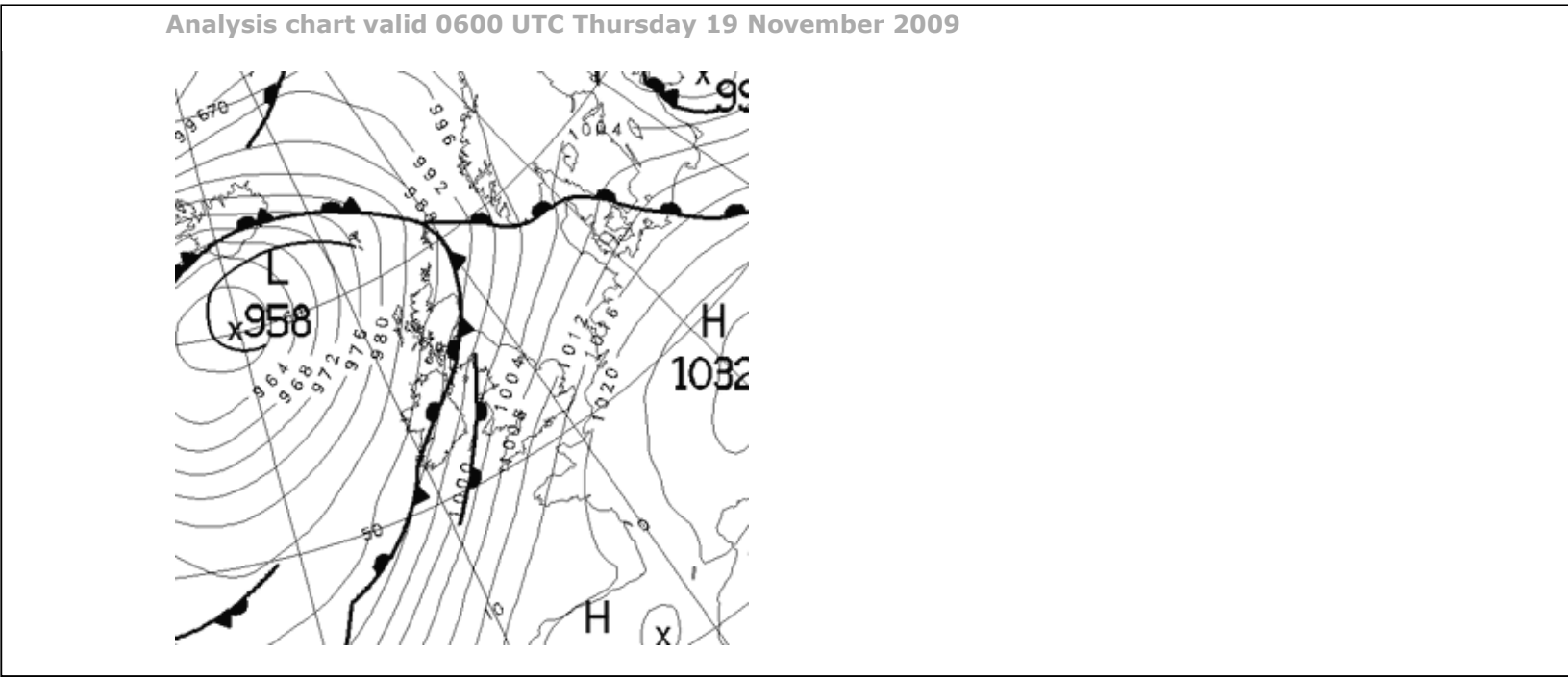
Recent heavy rain over north-west Britain

20 November 2009

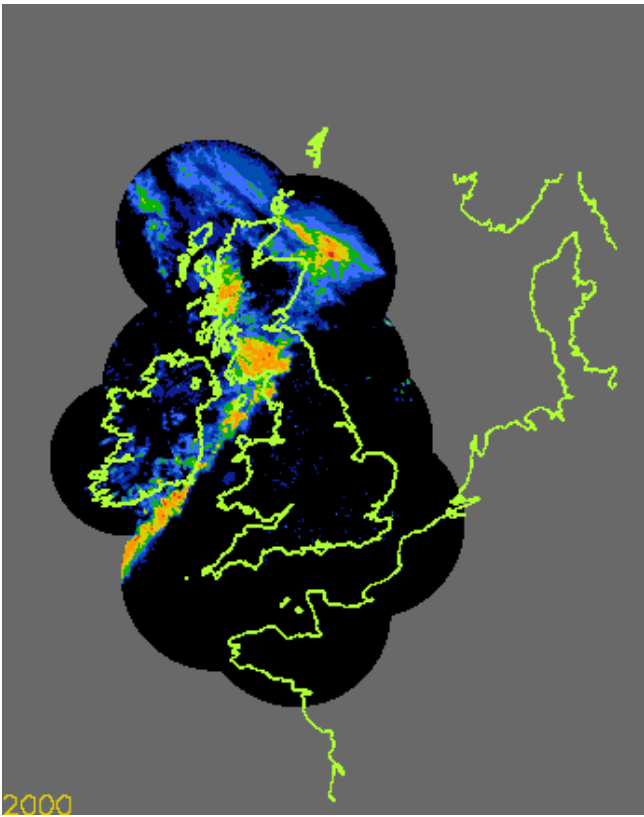
The last few days has seen heavy rain affecting parts of north-west Britain. This was caused by an Atlantic weather front becoming almost stationary across Northern Ireland, Cumbria and south-west Scotland.

In Cumbria, there has been 372.4 mm of rain at Seathwaite and 361.4 mm of rain at Honister between 0800 on Wednesday 18 November and 0400 on Friday 20 November.

Provisionally, the 24-hour total at Seathwaite (ending 0045 on Friday 20 November) of 314.4 mm is a UK record for a single location in any given 24-hour period. Records going back to 1914.



Hourly rainfall images 2000 Wednesday 18 to 0600 Friday 20 November 2009



November rainfall totals in millimetres						
	17–18 November (08–08 UTC)	18–19 November (08–08 UTC)	19–20 November (08–08 UTC)	3 day total	1–20 November	November average (1971–2000)
Cumbria						
Shap	55.4 mm	50.2 mm	91.2 mm	196.8 mm	444.2 mm	196 mm
St Bees Head	23.4 mm	13.6 mm	40.6 mm	77.6 mm	140.8 mm	100 mm
Keswick	41.8 mm	39.4 mm	107.8 mm	189.0 mm	375.0 mm	182 mm
Warcop	28.6 mm	13.4 mm	20.8 mm	62.8 mm	163.4 mm	101 mm
Walney Island	17.6 mm	8.0 mm	47.6 mm	73.2 mm	169.4 mm	106 mm
Carlisle	19.6 mm	7.8 mm	14.4 mm	41.8 mm	137.0 mm	77 mm
Dumfries and Galloway						
Eskdalemuir	17.4 mm	34.4 mm	89.8 mm	141.6 mm	298.6 mm	168 mm
Dundrennan	16.4 mm	14.8 mm	21.8 mm	53.0 mm	192.2 mm	109 mm
Prestwick	10.2 mm	14.6 mm	23.2 mm	48.0 mm	129.6 mm	100 mm
Drumalbin	6.4 mm	17.6 mm	23.8 mm	47.8 mm	143.6 mm	91 mm
West Freugh	9.2 mm	6.4 mm	7.2 mm	22.8 mm	128.8 mm	118 mm

We are forecasting further rain and strong winds on Saturday — this rainfall could slow up recovery on the river network in Cumbria and south-west Scotland but should not exacerbate the overall situation in Cumbria and the borders of Scotland.

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